

WOULD HOLD PLAYERS

Marquette League Advocates One-team Rule.

WILL ASK FOR CO-OPERATION

Secretary Instructed to Communicate with Other District Amateur Organizations in an Effort to Have Proposed Legislation Adopted—Departmental and Independence Plan

The Marquette Baseball League, in session yesterday, took a decided stand on the question of eligibility of players, which may change the complexion of the amateur baseball situation in the District to a degree, and accomplish the ends desired by those who have advocated a permanent District Commission to control the game in this city.

The league directors, having gone thoroughly into the subject, are convinced that the proposed legislation is feasible and wholly desirable, and has instructed its secretary to communicate with the several amateur leagues in this city for the purpose of promulgating a code of rules prohibiting a player from playing on more than one team.

Considerable comment was caused last season by the fact that the Trinity team, which won the pennant in the Marquette league, and also captured the District championship in the post-season series, was composed mainly of players on the St. Stephen's Institute team of the Capital City League, which was beaten in the league race by the Aloysius Club.

Capital City Objected. The Capital City League contingent claimed that this was not fair, as it was believed that Aloysius could have easily disposed of the Trinity team as it was made up at the start of the season, and that it was only due to the strength the St. Stephen's players added to Trinity that the Marquette League was able to win the District title.

In view of this the Marquette League wishes to go on record as favoring the one-team rule, and will make strenuous efforts to enlist the co-operation of the other leagues to this end, and not without bright prospects of success, for it is known that in the Departmental League the Georgetown body will have a staunch ally, it having been the policy of that organization right along to discourage its players from participating with teams of any other league.

The Independence League is also in favor of the ruling, it having been unofficially announced from the headquarters of that body that the league desired such legislation, and in the event of one of the older leagues taking action in the matter, intending to broach the subject of its own accord.

That the Sunday School League will fall in line there is little doubt, as, aside from the evident co-operation of the other leagues to this end, and not without bright prospects of success, for it is known that in the Departmental League the Georgetown body will have a staunch ally, it having been the policy of that organization right along to discourage its players from participating with teams of any other league.

Leagues Favor Rule. With these leagues favoring the adoption of the rule, there remains only the Capital City League, which, from the stand taken by some of its supporters in the Trinity incident last season, could not, it seems, consistently refuse to enter into such an agreement, especially in view of the fact that if there is any one league that the ruling would benefit in a greater degree than the others, it is the Capital City, one of the oldest, best organized, and most influential organizations in the District.

Prospects for a successful season in the Marquette League have never been brighter since its inception. Grounds have been obtained in the business section of the city, which, for business reasons, cannot be announced at the present time. With the question of playing grounds cleared up, the league will now proceed to set up a schedule and perfect the minor arrangements.

The St. Joseph's team, a member of the league the first part of last season, has been readmitted, to fill the vacancy made by the withdrawal of the St. Vincent Club, so the following clubs will comprise the roster of the league: Trinity, St. Peter's, St. Theresa's, St. Martin's, St. Dominic's, and St. Joseph's.

READY TO ROW ABROAD.

Nonpareil Club Has Crew to Race Olympic Honors.

New York, Jan. 19.—Constance S. Titus, coach of the Princeton crew, and former American champion sculler, suggested at a meeting of the Nonpareil Rowing Club last week that the club offer the services of a four-oared crew to the rowing committee of the American Olympic committee for the big regatta in England this year. This crew showed its ability in winning four events in its many races at the national regatta, and has captured the intermediate four-oared shell event, the international four-oared shell race, and the championship single scull.

The four men who composed this crew were C. S. Titus, Fred Backus, Charles Steinkamp, and Henry Backus, the latter only seventeen years old at the time of these races.

Mr. Titus suggested to his club that he would take the men to Lake Carnegie, at Princeton, where he lives, and train them there. The water of Lake Carnegie, he says, is almost the same as at Henley, where the Olympic races will be rowed. Mr. Titus is well acquainted with conditions at Henley, as he competed for the Diamond Sculls.

These four oarsmen would be willing to row a crew in America as many heats as the Olympic rowing committee might see fit to decide were necessary to determine the ability of the crew. The Nonpareil Rowing Club makes only one provision, and that is that the opposing crew must express a willingness to go to Henley should it prove victorious over the Nonpareil oarsmen.

Mr. Titus believes that with his three brother oarsmen he can beat any other "four" in this country.

NEW PARK FOR YANKEES.

New York American League Club Preparing Another Field.

New York, Jan. 19.—Just south of Van Cortlandt Park, on Broadway, there is a baseball park being surveyed and already being filled in. The ostensible owner of the new grounds is to be Frank Farrell, president of the New York American League Baseball Club, which is the Yankees. It is even rumored that Mr. Farrell has purchased the plot of ground on which the Yankees will play when, in the natural course of events, they are forced out of Manhattan Island.

Mr. Farrell has nothing to say on the matter, but the fact remains that the plot of ground is being surveyed and filled in for a baseball park. This the surveyors acknowledge themselves.

The present American League Park was obtained under the most strenuous exertions by the people interested in the new American League.

CHANGE NAVY CONSTITUTION.

Three Washington Officers on Mid-dies' Athletic Board.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Annapolis, Md., Jan. 19.—Suggestions for a new constitution for the Navy Athletic Association were made at the annual meeting of the association last night. Owing to lengthy discussions, the meeting adjourned without electing officers for the year. The most heated discussion was concerning the number of officers who should constitute the athletic committee. Heretofore the athletic committee has been made up of seven or eight members, but the amendment, which finally went through by a close vote, provides for an officer to take after the needs of each of the athletic teams, and these officers shall constitute the committee.

It was also decided to have three Washington representatives on the committee instead of two, as heretofore. Several other subjects of importance, including the annual athletic contest between West Point and Annapolis, were laid over for the next meeting.

The annual reports of Secretary Ziegler and Prof. Terry, treasurer, were read and approved. The membership in the association now is approximately 1,500, an increase of about 200 in the last year.

UNION LEAGUE CHARTER.

Baltimore Outlaw Club Organized Under Laws of Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 19.—The Baltimore Union Baseball Club and Amusement Company, believed to be the nucleus for a Union League baseball club for Baltimore, obtained a charter here yesterday by filing certificates of incorporation with the secretary of state. The charter authorizes the concern to organize, own, manage, and control clubs and companies for the performance of sports, providing amusement and recreation for the public. The capital stock is \$15,000.

The incorporators are Francis E. King and Walter F. Busch, of Baltimore; Leon W. Davis, of Philadelphia, and Harry W. Davis, of Wilmington.

OBTAIN ATLANTIC FRANCHISE

Salb and Fitzpatrick to Handle Capital City League Team.

Jesse Watt Relinquished Hold—Directors Discuss Plans for Season, Plan Benefit Entertainment.

The franchise of the Atlantic Club of the Capital City League was obtained by Messrs. George Salb and C. C. Fitzpatrick at a meeting of the league directors in the rooms of the Aloysius Club, at North Capitol and K streets, yesterday morning, from Jesse Watt, who obtained control of the team last year and guided it through the league race.

President James A. O'Shea called the meeting to order, with all the clubs represented with the exception of Southern Railway. The committee on grounds, composed of Maurice O'Connor, chairman; J. F. Luitich, J. Brown, and H. R. Hunt, reported considerable progress, but has not definitely decided whether it would be advisable for the league to inclose the diamond at First and M streets northeast.

The question appointed to revise the constitution did not have its report ready, but will submit it at the next meeting of the league.

Action was taken setting a time limit of two weeks for the teams now members of the league to signify their intentions of remaining in the organization, as applications for membership have been received from several independent clubs in the District.

The question of a schedule has not yet been taken up, but it is believed that the consensus of opinion among the directors is that a schedule of ninety games with the season opening about the 1st of May would prove the most desirable.

An entertainment and dance for the benefit of the league will be given some time before March 4, the date to be decided later. T. L. Fortune, George Salb, and George Ford were appointed a committee to perfect arrangements for the affair.

PIMLICO AWAITS DATES.

Maryland Jockey Club Looks for Visit of Committee.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Jan. 19.—President William M. Manly and the board of directors of the Maryland Jockey Club are awaiting a visit of inspection by a committee appointed by the Jockey Club, the turf governing body, before any alterations are made in the steeplechase course at Pimlico.

The Jockey Club has not yet awarded Pimlico its dates, but the local racing officials say they are not uneasy on that score, as they expect to have spring and fall dates announced shortly.

The stabling facilities at Pimlico are not of the best, and they will doubtless be improved in the near future. It is claimed, accommodated the horses which race here better than the Benning, Brighton Beach, or Empire City courses. A writer in a racing paper, nevertheless, stated a few days ago that the lack of stable facilities is one of the things that displeased the governing body, no less than the comparatively small size of the purses at Pimlico. The question of increasing the purses will probably be considered at a meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club board.

It is thought that the second circuit, of which the Maryland Jockey Club has heretofore been a member, will be increased this year, embracing racing points as the Empire City course, Yonkers, as well as tracks at Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, and Albany.

BILLY SULLIVAN SIGNS.

Fortune Does Not Interfere with Plans of Sox Star Catcher.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—William J. Sullivan's name was yesterday's diurnal addition to the list of White Sox autographs, which is piling up in President Comiskey's desk. The catch catcher signed his 1908 contract as a result of his call at headquarters the day before, when he had a few minutes' private conversation with the master of the Sox.

The windfall of \$50,000 which befell Mrs. Sullivan recently apparently had no effect on the backstop's desire to play baseball, and he promised to catch as many games as ever next season, if he does not get incapacitated. In the last three seasons Sullivan has caught in over 100 championship games each year.

Sullivan is the fifth of the 1907 regulars to sign for next season, the others being Halton, Tamm, White, and Smith. Rube Roth is to be signed up. The contractors of Parent, Anderson, and Lew Shaw, who have been added to the Sox by trades, are yet to be signed, along with some of the youngsters.

President Comiskey said the details of his training trip would be worked out shortly, as the difficulty over transportation practically had been settled, and the closing of exhibition dates had been waiting on that arrangement.

ANXIOUS TO GET ROTH

Cantillon Wants Another Catcher for Nationals.

STREET IS AN EXPERIMENT

Nig Perrine Will Spend Coming Season at Louisville—Larry Lajoie Is Investing in Real Estate in Cleveland—Cobb Will Have More Difficulty on Bases in the Future.

That Joe Cantillon appreciates that probably the greatest weakness of the Washington ball club is the catching staff is shown by the fact that the manager is still trying to get the Milwaukee club to sell Frank Roth.

Some time ago it was believed that the Nationals would have no difficulty in landing the crack backstop of the American Association, but it now develops that the Milwaukee owners are not anxious to part with the player.

As matters stand at present, Jack Warner, Street, and Kahoe are the only catchers on the local roster. Kahoe is not relied upon as a regular, but is a good man to have around, and Cantillon is inclined to carry the veteran even should another catcher be obtained. Street is an experiment, although the reports from the Pacific Coast would indicate that he is a most promising player.

This leaves Warner as the only reliable member of the backstop department. Warner has his faults and is not the greatest catcher in the business, but is a fairly good man. He has experience, is a good fielder, and at times last season did good work with the stick. However, injuries when he was at his best forced Warner to the bench, leaving the catching to Block and Kahoe, as Blankenship had suffered a broken finger earlier in the year.

In these days of the spit ball, cross-fire, and other shots and curves that do not add to the joy of a catcher's existence, it is necessary for a club to have at least two reliable catchers, and Cantillon figures that if he can get Roth he will be fairly well fortified behind the plate.

"Nig" Perrine, who was tried out here last season, has made three trips to the big leagues—brief ones only. "Nig" is to pass the next summer, or part of it, to test, in Louisville.

Says the Kansas City Journal: Perrine knows baseball from every angle, is full of ginger—not Jamaica—and is on friendly terms with all of the players. Jimmy Burns says that John Grover is one of the best "inside" ball players in the business, and J. R. Smith is a right-hander. It is the "good Nig" right now. He has been spending a rather mild winter and has been doing all of his racing without the aid of a net.

Two years ago Perrine was ripe for fast company, but he was unfortunate in falling heir to several thousand dollars of real money. With his pockets lined with current cash, he joined the St. Louis Cardinals, and, being a good fellow, he put the entire training squad on the "blink." "Nig" was charged with spending \$4,000 on that trip, and for being so careless he was returned to George Tebeau and Kansas City. Last year Perrine was sent to Washington. Again he was the victim of misfortune. Cantillon had at least a half dozen infielders and "Nig" was sent to the farm—Minneapolis.

"Next year it's Louisville for me," said Perrine last night, "and after the coming season I guess I'll make another trip to the big fellows. You know I'm here. Every other year since I took to the game I have made the trip only a trip—and the next time I'll stick."

Nap Lajoie, manager-captain of the Cleveland club, has entered into the real estate business, or, in other words, he is preparing for the future. Realizing that he cannot play baseball forever, the king of second basemen is investing his money in Cleveland property. The Cleveland manager is just following the advice of President Kilgoff, for the owner of the Naps made his fortune in real estate and building at the right time.

Clarke Griffith may have his ranch, Fred Clarke his big farm, and several of the other managers have plantations, and others investments, but there is probably not a business man in baseball today than Lajoie. In the summer time he devotes his time to baseball and running the team, while in the winter he has been at work on his guide, which is now in the hands of the printer, waiting for the adoption of the schedule. Now he is entering the real estate business. More luck to Larry.

Connie Mack has been sizing up the American League teams for next season, and is out with a statement that the race will be as close as last year, with Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, and Cleveland liable to be among the contenders for the flag in the last few weeks of play. This is what he says about Detroit:

"I notice that many persons have been underestimating Detroit. Take it from me that the Tigers will be in the fight again, with about as good a chance as any other of finishing at top."

A safe bet is that when the several American League teams get down to training each manager will take his first baseman aside and tell him in no uncertain tones that he must watch Ty Cobb more closely this year, says H. P. Edwards in the Cleveland Leader. The champion batsman of the league had a habit last season when on first base of going from that sack way around to third on a bunt or slow infield grounder.

He pulled it off one George Stovall and Bill Hinchman, of the Naps, last year, and, according to reports, he worked the same trick on all the first sackers of the league, and more than once. Sometimes he got away with it legitimately, but more often the first baseman could have retired him easily at third had he been anticipating such a move on the part of the Detroit.

Let an infielder or a pitcher fumble a bunt ever so little and Ty was sure to attempt to take two bases. Let the first baseman be pulled off the bag a trifle in making the catch and Ty was certain to go the limit. This year, however, all the first basemen will be watching out for just this play, and Cobb will be lucky if he pulls it off as regularly as he did in 1907.

It used to be the same way as regards Bill Bradley in stretching long singles into two-runners. Two or three years ago Bill would perform this stunt twenty times a year as the result of slow thinking on the part of the opposing outfielders. They would decide that the hit was only a single and let it go at that, when much to their amazement they would see Bradley dashing on to second base. Then, by the time they had the ball at the sack in question, Bradley would be there—safe nine-tenths of the time. Then they began

to watch Bill, and the result was that in the last two seasons Bill rarely succeeded in executing the stretching act.

So it is likely to be with Cobb. Harry Bay used to take two bases very often when the succeeding batsman laid the ball down, but not after the opposing teams began to team for him. Thus it is with the daring sprinter who steal home occasionally. Davy Fultz was one of the best in the business of performing this trick. Davy was a great student of the opposing pitchers, and this skill, together with his great speed, enabled him to dash home with a run on many an occasion. Then the pitcher tightened up and he found himself unable to score this way as often as he had previously.

Then take the delayed steal, as promulgated by "Germany" Schaefer and other members of the Detroit team. They got away with it at the start and then were forced to practically abandon the trick. Joe Birmingham, of the Naps, took it up last season and was very successful with it for a time and then he discovered that the opposing teams were looking out for him.

So it goes. Tricks are mighty good these days, but they should not be overdone. Any team that has a good manager and a watchful pitcher and catcher is sure to build up a defense that will make these plays look mighty bad in time.

VAIL GETS OVATION

Georgetown Men Meet New Coach of Crew.

FOUR RACES TO BE ROWED

Manager Woods Announces that Blue and Gray Oarsmen Will Have Busy Season—Unwonted Enthusiasm Shown by Alumni and Undergraduates at Reception.

Georgetown's aquatic department received a rousing send-off yesterday afternoon at the reception tendered the new coach, Harry Vail, at the house, above Aqueduct Bridge. Alumni and undergraduates from every department of the university were on hand to meet the instructor, and enthusiastically received the sentiments voiced by speakers prominent in rowing at Georgetown. The spirit displayed yesterday indicates that the Blue and Gray institution will make strenuous endeavors this season to gain a strong foothold in intercollegiate rowing.

In a short talk, Coach Vail gave the prospective candidates to understand that he alone was to have charge of the "varsity" crews. The stroke to be used this year will differ slightly from that of the last year, but the coach said that the men in the pursuit of the work started under the tutelage of "Pat" Dempsey and Murray Russell. The former Harvard coach expressed himself as greatly pleased at the new coach, and said that the candidates he had met here the night before were men who not only had sufficient size, but possessed perseverance and lightning spirit, qualities that would go a long way toward producing a winning eight.

Four Races for Crew. Manager Cliff Woods outlined the plans for the year, and said the men certainly would have an incentive to work hard, as he has planned to enter Georgetown in at least four races. Two of these races are to be held on the Potomac, one at Philadelphia, in the Henley Regatta, and the last at Poughkeepsie. Hopes are still held out for the contest with Princeton, and it is expected that if Georgetown fails to arrange a dual race with some other Eastern university, endeavors will be made to have a race with either the Potomac or Annapolis club.

The candidates for the crew will start work on the machines in the Ryan Gymnasium this afternoon, and will continue this practice every day until the weather permits going on the water. Among those who are expected to make a strong bid for places for seats in the shell are: Capt. Fitzgerald, Rice, Murray, and Woods, of the 1907 eight; Lynch and La Monte, of the 1906 crew and subs on the "varsity" last year; E. Kelly, Stalling, and Moran, of the 1906 class crew; L. Smith, Culkin, and Munhall, 1905; McKinney, McCann, Galligan, McNulty, and Dilkes, 1904; Brimingham, Madden, and Joliet, of the freshman, members of the crew crew last year; Leahy, Walker, Fred Rice, B. Col-liflower, McNamee, Cassidy, and Cudahy.

A promising candidate for the position of coxswain has appeared in Leo Kelly, who tips the beam at ninety-eight pounds. John Chapman and Duff, two members of last year's crew, the latter being coxswain, left Georgetown last week and will enter schools for engineering courses. Chapman expects to attend Syracuse, while Duff is going to Yale.

SECOND REGIMENT LOSES.

Washington Quint Beaten in Fast Game by Belvidere.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 19.—In a well-played game of basketball at Cross Street Hall last night the Belvidere were won from the Second Regiment team of Washington by 36 to 1. A large crowd witnessed the game, which at times was quite interesting on account of the fast plays made by both teams. The line-up:

Belvidere. Positions. Second Regt.
G. Schmidt, right forward; Kellner, G. Schmitt, left forward; Hubbard, G. Schmitt, center; Schmitt, W. Schmidt, right guard; Bopp, W. Schmitt, left guard; Bopp, Empire, Mr. T. W. McGraw, of the New York Athletic Club.

BALTIMORE REVOLVERS WIN.

Washington Team Beaten in Close Intercity Match.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Jan. 19.—The Baltimore Revolver Association last night won from the second time three matches the handsome silver Intercity Cup.

The Baltimoreans shot at the Fourth Regiment Armory, against the Washington Revolver Club, which is composed mainly of army officers. The first night was 1,200 to 1,381. Ten men shooting on a side. High man for Washington was Mr. McDonald, and high man for Baltimore was Mr. James Stone Reese.

Track Meets for Middles.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 19.—The Naval Academy field and track team will have dual meets at Annapolis during the coming season with the Carlisle Indians, Swarthmore, and Pennsylvania State. The dates have not been fixed. The Midshipmen have been improving rapidly in this line of sport for several seasons under the coaching of P. T. Finerman, of New York, and are stronger than ever this season.

JAEGER'S UNDERWEAR.

TYSSOWSKI BROS., 726 15th Street N. W.

Rein Coats Reduced. Detail Linen Mesh.

DEMAND FOR GEERS

Noted Trainer Rejects Offer from English Owner.

HAS PROMISING LIST OF COLTS

Silent Man of Tennessee Has More Than a Hundred Requests from Capitalists Who Want Him to Train Their Horses for the Grand Circuit, but He Has Declined Offers.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 19.—American trotting and pacing horses are good enough for Ed Geers. The veteran trainer and driver, who has led the Grand Circuit winners for several seasons in turn of races won and money added for the people for the "Silent Man" of the turf, turned down an offer from a prominent English breeder of the American standard and bred horse, stating that "owing to lack of time and abundance of American trotters and pacers," he will not be able to campaign the string of British bred on the American tracks.

Geers has more than a hundred requests from various owners in the United States, many of them being wealthy capitalists with a desire to develop horses owned by them for Grand Circuit campaigns. He has turned down the great majority of these offers. The English offer came from Brighton, and the breeder wanted to send the English trotters and pacers to America in hope of testing their good speed and stamina against the best in this country.

Geers has nearly forty head of all ages and gaits in training at the "Two Minute" track here, where Lou Dillon and Major Delmar fought out their memorable races for the gold cup. The track is in excellent condition owing to the care and attention showered on it by a numerous force superintended by A. M. Howe, the veteran keeper of the course.

Has Promising Stable. No speed over a distance has been attempted yet, but the railbirds have seen enough of the material embraced in the barn of Ed Geers to predict another great season for the "Silent Man" of the turf.

There may be no Highballs of Billy Buchs in the Geers string at present, but in Trivial, a five-year-old green trotter by Boreal, there are many of the shrewd people at the track who hesitate when trying to keep from guessing over his features. There is also a five-year-old trotter by Onward Silver, former holder of the world's record at two miles, that has attracted notice. Geers has probably a dozen additional green trotters or pacers for which bright track careers are forecasted.

J. G. Jones has again intrusted to the care of Geers the pacer Baron Grattan, which, with one or two others, represents all that is left of the powerful stable campaigned by Mr. Jones last season on the Grand Circuit and which was headed by Highball. Most of the stars were disposed of at the Madison Square Garden sales in New York during the autumn months, but the local millionaires has retained the Baron because he was the first to carry the Jones colors to the front in a classic stake.

There are more than 200 harness horses in local training. The weather has been perfect for preliminary work, but no speed has been attempted yet. Strings are arriving daily from the North.

RACING CARDS FOR TO-DAY.

New Orleans.

FIRST RACE—Three furlongs.
Miranda.....139
Catherine Card.....139
Pace.....139
Boswell.....139
Miss Highland.....139
Miss Lee.....139
Miss W. Guide.....139

Los Angeles.

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MAGNATES EASILY BUNKOED.

Dreyfuss Complains of Players Who Fail to Make Good.

"If I could only look into a ball player's heart when I make up my mind to pay good money for him," says President Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh club. "In the last eight years I have expended about \$170,000 for ball players, and only about \$10,000 worth of them turned out to be the real thing.

"And I am not the only magnate that has been stung in that manner, either. A good friend of mine in Cincinnati bought money by the crate under the impression that they were luscious peaches. I'm willing to bet that he didn't come off any better than I did.

"And there is a feature that is worse even than that. If an owner pays a lot of money for a player and then finds out he is no good he doesn't feel so very bad. But if he turns that player over to some other club, and a wily manager waves his hand over him and converts him into the real luscious fruit, oh, what a headache!"

"But we'll keep right on doing that very thing all as long as we stay in baseball. A player may look pretty good before he faces the big league batters, but his heart may fall him at the psychological moment and away blows a bunch of pretty greenbacks.

"I think the baseball magnate is the biggest green goods man on earth. But he doesn't bungle anybody but himself."

VERNUELLE MAY APPEAL.

Ronoke Pitcher to Ask